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SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION ON THE WEAR POLICY OF THE 100% COTTON AIRMAN BATTLE UNIFORM (ABU)

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REF: MESSAGE DTG 072013Z SEP 07 (AIRMAN BATTLE UNIFORM WEAR POLICY)

1. THE 100% COTTON ABU IS NOT A "SUMMER WEIGHT" VERSION OR "LIGHT WEIGHT" ALTERNATIVE FOR THE 50% COTTON/50% NYLON ABU. THE 100% COTTON ABU IS A DISTINCTIVE UNIFORM/EQUIPMENT ITEM DEVELOPED AND AUTHORIZED SPECIFICALLY FOR AIRMEN IN JOBS THAT HAVE OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA) REQUIREMENTS FOR WEAR. IT IS NOT AUTHORIZED OR INTENDED FOR WEAR BY ALL AIRMEN.

2. THE 50% COTTON/50% NYLON ABU REMAINS THE MANDATORY UNIFORM FOR THE BULK OF OUR AIRMAN. AS STATED IN PARAGRAPH 19 OF REFERENCED MESSAGE, (THE ABUS PURCHASED BY AF PERSONNEL THROUGH ARMY AND AIR FORCE EXCHANGE SERVICES (AAFES) MILITARY CLOTHING SALES STORE (MCSS), OR ISSUED THROUGH INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT ELEMENT (IEE) OR CONTRACT IEE EQUIVALENT, ARE CERTIFIED AS FULLY COMPLIANT WITH ALL SPECIFICATIONS. NO OTHER SUPPLIERS ARE APPROVED FOR ORGANIZATIONAL/UNIT PURCHASE OR ANY APPROPRIATED OR GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM (GWOT) FUNDS EXPENDITURES.)

3. QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED THROUGH YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND OR BY CALLING AFPC CONTACT CENTER AT 800-525-0102/DSN 665-5000.

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